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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GULF OIL

REF: LA PAZ 3259

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT AND HELPFUL STEPS TAKEN
BY EMBASSY LA PAZ IN FACILITATING TRANSMISSION OF GULF
MESSAGE TO GOB. AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL, DEPARTMENT
INFORMED ORTIZ OF MAY 9-10 DEVELOPMENTS IN LA PAZ, FOR WHICH
HE WAS MOST GRATEFUL.

2. ORTIZ REITERATED THAT PRIOR TO SCHEDULED TESTIMONY BY
GULF PRESIDENT DORSEY BEFORE CHURCH COMMITTEE ON MAY 16,
COMPANY IS PLANNING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO LA PAZ TO
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PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA.

ORTIZ INDICATED COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO USE DEPARTMENT AS
COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL TO CONVEY TO GOB FLIGHT NUMBER AND
TIMING OF VISIT. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM ORTIZ THAT SUCH
INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY COMPANY THROUGH BOLIVIAN
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR DIRECTLY TO GOB IN LA PAZ.
BEGIN FYI. WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATION THAT BOLIVIAN AMBAS-
SADOR CAPRILES PREFERS TO BE THE PRIMARY CONTACT POINT FOR
GULF HERE. END FYI.

3. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT DESPITE IMPLICATIONS FOR
U.S. POLICIES IN BOLIVIA, THIS CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER
WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA AND
GULF OIL. THUS, WE PREFER TO KEEP USG INVOLVEMENT TO THE
BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BE HELPFUL TO ALL CONCERNED. INGERSOLL

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